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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A gliding board comprising:
a board body; and
a plurality of edge sections, each of the edge sections being removable from and replaceable to, the board body.
2. (Previously Presented) A gliding board according to claim 1, the edge sections comprising metal, plastic or composite materials.
3. (Previously Presented) A gliding board according to claim 2 where the edge sections can be inter-matched.
4. (Previously Presented) A gliding board according to claim 3 wherein the edge sections vary in flexibility.
5. (Currently Amended) A gliding board according to claim 1, wherein at least one ~~or more~~ of the edge sections have dull edges for sliding and grinding.
6. (Currently Amended) A gliding board according to claim 1, further comprising at least one ~~or more~~ fastener selected from the group consisting of screws, bolts, nuts, clips and tongue-and-groove for mounting the edge sections to the board body.
7. (Currently Amended) A gliding board comprising:
a board body;
edges; and
at least one ~~or more~~ grind plate plates disposed laterally with respect to the edges, and removably and replaceably attached to the board body.
8. (Currently Amended) A gliding board according to claim 7, the at least one ~~or more~~ grind plate plates comprising at least one material selected from the group consisting of ~~or more~~ of metal, plastic, and ~~or~~ composite materials.

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9. (Currently Amended) A gliding board according to claim 7, wherein flexibility of the at least one ~~or more~~ grind plate ~~plates~~ can vary to complement the board.

10. (Currently Amended) A gliding board according to claim 7, further comprising at least one fastener selected from the group consisting ~~or more~~ of screws, bolts, nuts, clips and tongue-and-groove for mounting the at least one grind plate ~~plates~~ to the board body.

11. (Previously Presented) A gliding board according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the edge sections comprises a first material and at least one other of the edge sections comprises a second material.

12. (Previously Presented) A gliding board according to claim 2, the edge sections comprising composite materials.

13. (Previously Presented) A gliding board according to claim 7, the grind plates mounting substantially flush with the edges along a bottom surface of the board so that the grind plates protect the edges during grinding.

14. (Previously Presented) A gliding board according to claim 7, the grind plates mounting along a center region of the board body.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of modifying a gliding board, comprising removing a first set of grind plates ~~edge-sections~~ from the board, selecting a second set of grind plates ~~edge-sections~~ for installation on the board, and installing the second set of grind plates ~~edge-sections~~ on the board.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, the board being configured to utilize a complete set of grind plates ~~edge-sections~~, the first set of grind plates ~~edge-sections~~ consisting of fewer grind plates ~~edge-sections~~ than the complete set.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, the first set of grind plates ~~edge-sections~~ comprising one or more damaged grind plates ~~edge-sections~~.

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18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, the first set of grind plates ~~edge sections~~ having different performance characteristics than the second set.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 15,~~ A method of modifying a gliding board, comprising
removing a first set of edge sections from the board;
selecting a second set of edge sections for installation on the board, the first set of
edge sections having different durability characteristics than the second
set; and
installing the second set of edge sections on the board.

20. (Previously Presented) A method of modifying a gliding board, comprising
installing a set of grind plates on the board to protect a set of edges of the board
during sliding and grinding of the board, and
removing the grind plates from the board for use of the board on snow.